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SLIDING.



JANUARY.

First Month — Thirty-one Days.

Sun enters Aquarius, ::. The Water-bearer.

See the heedless schoolboy sliding,
Whilst the flaky showers descend;
Now he falls, his mother's chiding,
Lest he meets a fatal end.

GOING TO SCHOOL.



FEBRUARY.

Second Month—Twenty-eight Days.

Sun enters Pisces, **. The Fish.

The boy breathes on his frost-nipt hand,
Whilst the icicle is dropping;
Pecking crumbs, the wind has fann'd,
See the humble red-breast hopping.





INSIDE OF A COTTAGE.



MARCH.

Third Month—Thirty-one Days.
Sun enters Aries, Y. The Ram.

When the howling winds are blowing, Cheerful gleams the faggot's blaze; And the tender plant that's growing, Grateful feels the sunny rays.

TRUNDLING THE HOOP.



APRIL.

Fourth Month—Thirty Days.
Sun enters Taurus, 8. The Bull.

Now is seen the crocus peeping,

And the modest snowdrop too;

And beneath the hedge-row creeping,

Purple violets meet our view.





BIRDS'-NESTING.



MAY.

Fifth Month—Thirty-one Days.

Sun enters Gemini, II. The Twins:

May the bud to leaves expanding,

Hedge and row with flow'rs adorn;

Truant boys the birds'-nest handing,

Leave the parent bird forlorn.



JUNE.

Sixth Month—Thirty Days.
Sun enters Cancer, S. The Crab.

Now the verdant meads are glowing,

Lark and thrush melodious sing;

Whilst the joyous swains are mowing,

And around the clover fling.





HAY-MAKING.



JULY.

Seventh Month— Thirty-one Days.

Sun enters Leo, Q. The Lion.

Whilst the noontide sunbeams brighten,
Maidens turn the new-mown hay;
But when vivid flashes frighten,
They in terror haste away.

AUGUST.

Eighth Month—Thirty-one Days.

Sun enters Virgo, mg. The Virgin.

Now the yellow corn low bending, Reapers, scatter wide your gift; Gleaners, on your boon depending, Pick the scanty crop that's left.







SEPTEMBER.

Ninth Month—Thirty Days.

Sun enters Libra, . The Balance.

The gleaner's task now being o'er,

The sportsman takes abroad his gun;

The dogs the covey scent once more,

And now to fetch the game they run.

FRUIT-GATHERING.



OCTOBER.

Tenth Month—Thirty-one Days. Sun enters Scorpio, m. The Scorpion.

Whilst the sear'd leaves round are flying,
Hodge selects Pomona's store;
And the busy house-wife's plying,
At the clay-built cottage door.





GUY FAUX.



NOVEMBER.

Eleventh Month—Thirty Days.

Sun enters Sagittarius, 1. The Archer.

'Tis now the foggy mornings tire, Casting mystic gloom around; Boys, first lighting the bon-fire, Carry mimic Guy Faux round.

BREAKING-UP.



DECEMBER.

Twelfth Month — Thirty-one Days.

Sun enters Capricorn, vg. The Goat.

White frost now like spangles shining,
Sparkles on the leafless trees;
Thus the rolling year declining,
Welcome are the holidays.

